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VILLAGE TICKETS WERE NOMINATED

Republican Caucus Monday Night. Democrat Tuesday Night.

MUTCHLER IS RE-NOMINATED

No Opposition on Citizens' Ticket. Same with Assessor and Clerk. Republican Ticket Strong.

Next Monday, March 14, is village election day. Present indications are that it will not be a very strenuous campaign. The caucuses were held on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

The republican caucus on Monday evening was not as well attended as it has been in the past, but it was a very harmonious gathering and a splendid ticket was nominated.

The meeting was called to order by F. N. Wakeman, chairman of the village committee, and the call read. Merit H. Young was elected chairman and Guy Warner clerk. On motion the chairman appointed Henry Shaefer and Harry Showerman tellers.

John Mutchler was re-nominated for village president without opposition, as was Jerome C. Warner for assessor. On motion W. V. Hall was declared the nominee for treasurer. The trustees were selected by ballot. Edgar Adriance was the first trustee nominated, but he declined to let his name run again as he had already served four years and felt that he had served his time. Dr. Johnson also declined a re-nomination. Following are the men that were finally selected as nominees for trustees: I. A.

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AGED BROTHER REMEMBERED

Paw Paw I. O. O. F. Presented Jesse M. Brown with Fine Chair on his 86th Birthday.

At their meeting last Friday evening, Paw Paw Odd Fellows, for the first time did the dramatic work of the initiatory degree on the new stage recently built in their hall. Preceding the work the lodge presented to their oldest brother, Jesse M. Brown—oldest in years and oldest in membership—a handsomely upholstered easy chair, the finest they could find in town. It was Mr. Brown's 86th birthday. The presentation was made by Brother O. W. Rowland, who briefly reviewed the changes that had taken place in the order of Odd Fellowship since Paw Paw lodge was organized 64 years ago, and the wonderful advances made by the world since Mr. Brown landed in Paw Paw on the 16th day of September, 1845. He then called Brother Brown to come upon the stage, uncovered the chair and after alluding to the honorable life of their aged brother, presented it to him as a token of the high regard and esteem in which he is held, not only by members of the order but by all who have the honor of his acquaintance. The affair was a complete surprise to Mr. Brown, but he managed to control his emotions sufficiently to make due acknowledgment of the gift.

WILL NEVER LOOK THE SAME.

Bennett & Lake's store safe looks as though a professional burglar had been through it and had done the job up to the Queen's taste.

The safe hasn't been locked in years, but the first of the week the dial was accidentally turned and the combination would not work. After trying every available method for several days, the door was finally forced open by W. J. Thomas and the assistance of a kit of burglar tools that at one time was the property of the "Keeler postoffice burglars." The safe is all right for all practical purposes, but will never look the same.

CHICAGO GLEE CLUB.

The Chicago Glee club will fill the last number on the Fellowship lecture course at the opera house next Monday evening, March 14. The course to date has been a very successful and entertaining one and the last number promises to be the best of the entire course.

MISSIONARY SUPPER.

The ladies of the Missionary society will serve a missionary supper at the Presbyterian church parlors on Friday evening March 11, from 5 to 7 o'clock. Supper 15 cents.

W. C. T. U. MEET POSTPONED.

The county W. C. T. U. convention, which was to have been held at Decatur on March 10 and 11, has been postponed to Thursday and Friday, March 24 and 25.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS DEAL.

Harry Loomis Has Purchased Bank Building. Will Remodel Same for Ice Cream Parlor.

A deal was consummated the first of the week by which Harry Loomis became owner of the Old National Bank building on West Main street. Mr. Loomis will remodel the store, put in a new front, and make it a neat and attractive place. It is his intention to conduct a first-class ice cream and confectionery store in connection with his extensive news business. Mr. Loomis purchased a fine soda fountain and fixtures while in Chicago the first of the week.

Workmen will commence operations on the work of remodeling the place at once, and the proprietor expects that the place will be ready for his occupancy about the first of April.

BRUSH FACTORY TO GO TO KALAMAZOO

Said that Gus Reidel will Move Business from Paw Paw. Plans to go About May 1st.

It is reported that Gus Reidel, who is the proprietor of a fine brush factory which is located near what was formerly "Ackley lake," is about to move his family and factory to Kalamazoo. There are probably many people in this vicinity who do not know that such an institution has existed in Paw Paw for several years. Mr. Reidel is a splendid citizen, quiet and unassuming, and has not made a great noise about his business. Yet his factory has been run on quite an extensive scale, and the business in which he is engaged has flourished. He has employed labor the year round, and has done about \$40,000 worth of business a year; yet he has never asked the people of Paw Paw to give one cent of bonus—not even to furnish him a site.

It is to be regretted that such a man as Mr. Reidel, with the business he has been conducting, is to leave us. The enterprise is a valuable one, and it is to be hoped that some inducement can be held out which will induce him to remain in Paw Paw.

It is Mr. Reidel's intention to move to Kalamazoo about the first of May.

UNION TEMPERANCE MEETING

At Opera House Sunday Evening. Rev. C. E. Hoag of St. Joseph will Discuss Local Option.

There will be a union local option meeting at the Longwell opera house next Sunday evening to be addressed by Rev. C. E. Hoag of St. Joseph, recently of Battle Creek. Mr. Hoag is an eloquent speaker and should be greeted by a crowded house. He was actively engaged in the Calhoun county local option fight and is especially qualified to speak on the question.

ENDORSE LOCAL OPTION LAW

Choral Society of South Haven Pass Resolutions in Support of the Present Liquor Law.

The choral society of South Haven are planning not only to give one of the finest musical entertainments ever given in the county at their May festival, but also to give their moral support in the local option campaign. At a rehearsal last week the members voted unanimously to endorse the present local option law and to ask the voters of the county to sustain it at the coming election.

IMMENSE UNDERTAKING.

George Bennett and J. B. LaFountain of the auditor general's department at Lansing are in Paw Paw this week. They will visit every county seat in the state and obtain a copy of every plat recorded in the register of deeds office which is not already on record in the auditor general's department. When completed the state will have a complete record of every recorded plat. It is an immense undertaking, and will probably take Messrs. Bennett and LaFountain about 18 months to complete the job. They will be here about a week.

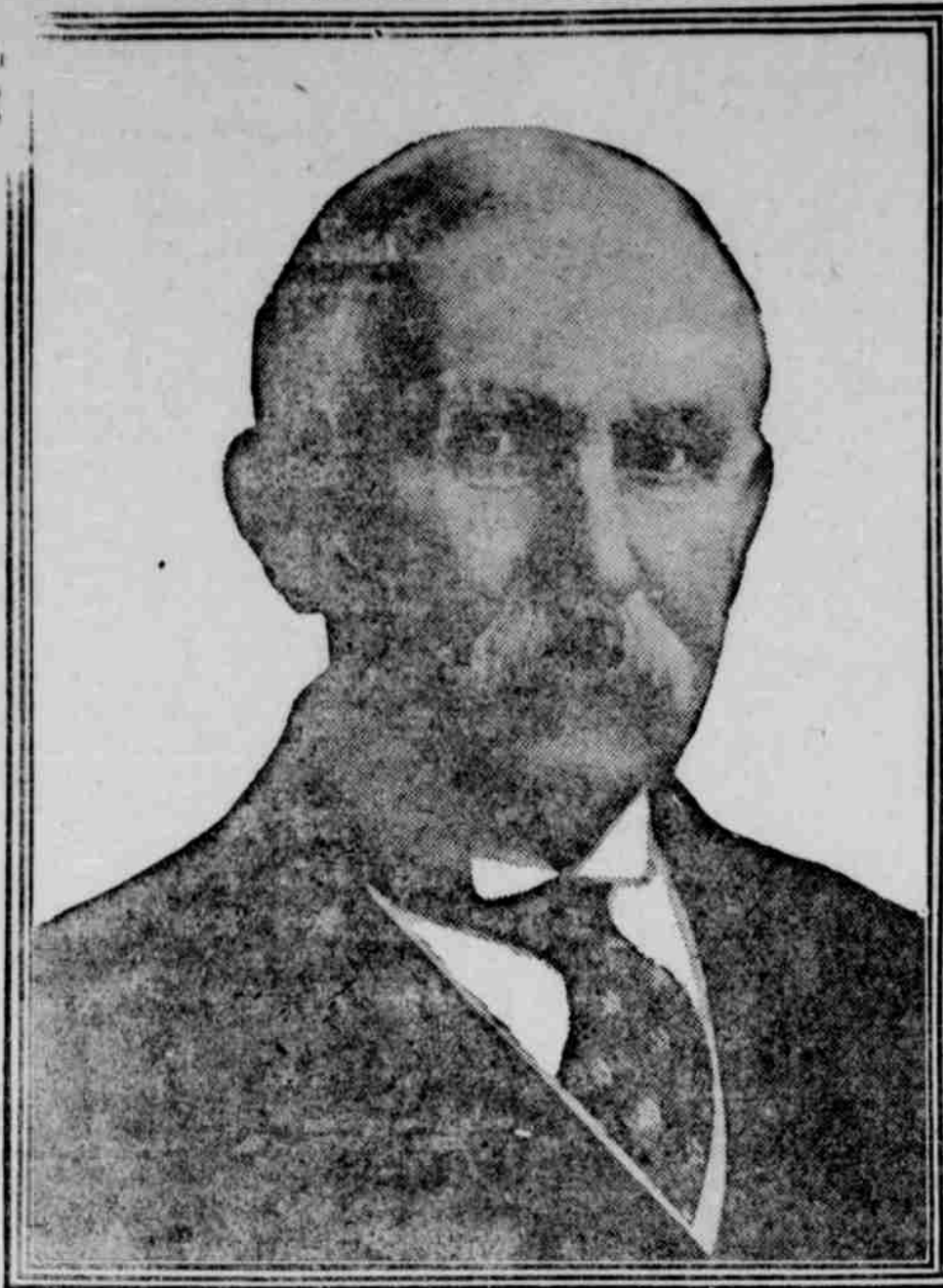
VISITING PAW PAW FRIENDS.

Mrs. James Van Valkeburgh of Grand Rapids came to Paw Paw, Thursday last, to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Allen for a few days. She has many friends to welcome her, as she was one of our popular teachers in the school here last year, having the branches of music and drawing under her supervision.

BOUGHT THE LUCE STOCK.

Jas. P. Ryan, the big Bangor merchant, has purchased the E. H. Luce store at Lawrence. The store has been closed for some time, getting ready for a great clearance sale, which will be inaugurated on Saturday, March 12. Mr. Ryan's announcement of the sale will be found on page 6 of this issue.

FRANKLIN MACVEAGH



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Secretary of the Treasury

BOOSTERS' CLUB BOOSTING FOR WELFARE AND PROSPERITY OF PAW PAW

The Boosters' club held its regular bi weekly meeting and luncheon at the Deckman house last Tuesday. The attendance was not as large as at the previous meetings, as several members were out of town and others had other appointments at that hour. The meeting made up in enthusiasm, however, what it had lost in numbers.

The entertainment committee had not prepared any special program for the meeting, but several matters of importance were discussed, and it was one of the best meetings of the club.

Hon. B. F. Heckert stated that he had received a letter from Hon. H. D. Brown of Texas asking for membership in the club. Mr. Brown is a member of the Texas state legislature, and his wife, who was formerly Mrs. Coffinberry, is the owner of Lakewood resort. Mr. and Mrs. Brown spent last summer here and will return this year. He was admitted to membership by the unanimous vote of the club.

B. F. Warner gave some practical suggestions in regard to the beautification of Pottowattamie island in Maple lake. He thought it would be a good idea for the club to observe Arbor day and devote their time and energy to planting trees on the island. The suggestions were well taken and will probably receive consideration by the proper committee.

The matter of the improvement of West Main street from what is known as the Sabin place west to the bridge

was mentioned, and Wm. C. Flook made a decided "hit" with the members by stating that he had purchased the Sabin property and would hold the same until such time as the village should desire it for park purposes, when they could have it for what the property has cost him, and he considered that it had been secured at a bargain. The old buildings will be removed and the grounds cleaned off and beautified as much as possible the coming year.

On motion, the selection of a board of directors was left with the executive committee, who will report at the next meeting.

The president announced that at the next meeting, which will be at the same hour and place on Tuesday, March 22, there would be a matter to come before the club that would be of special interest to everyone who had the welfare of Paw Paw at heart.

The following standing committees were announced: Executive—E. F. Parks, J. W. Free, B. F. Heckert, R. W. Broughton, Dr. J. C. Maxwell.

General welfare—Dr. O. E. Lanphear, C. A. Norwood, W. J. Warner, S. O. Kenyon, T. J. Cavanaugh, Credit—E. B. Longwell, C. R. Avery, H. C. Waters.

Grievances—R. M. Chase, F. A. Weston, W. C. Wildey.

General business—George M. Harrison, Wm. C. Flook, M. L. Decker.

Publicity—F. N. Wakeman, H. A. Cole.

DIED AT BORGESS HOSPITAL

Sister M. Ermanilda, Formerly Miss Fitzgerald of this place. Died of Tuberculosis.

Sister M. Ermanilda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Fitzgerald, died at the Borgess hospital in Kalamazoo last Monday night. The cause of death was tuberculosis, and the fatal disease was contracted while nursing a tuberculosis patient at the hospital.

The unfortunate girl was born in Arlington township, this county, in 1883. She lived in Paw Paw for several years and graduated from the high school here with the class of 1902. She had many friends here who are grieved at the news of her death.

She was a sister of Wm. Fitzgerald, also a graduate of the Paw Paw schools and now city attorney of Kalamazoo.

The funeral was held Thursday morning at St. Augustine's church, Kalamazoo. It was in charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph, of which she was a member. Interment was at the cemetery at Nazareth academy.

THE GUESTS OF FRIENDS HERE.

Judge and Mrs. James H. Johnson were guests of Paw Paw friends a few days this week. Mrs. Johnson rendered a delightful solo at the Eastern Star minstrel entertainment Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

TO SING AN EASTER CANTATA

Choir of 16 Voices Will Render "The First Easter" at Presbyterian Church March 20.

The choir of the Presbyterian church, assisted by outside talent, are rehearsing for the Easter cantata, which will be sung on Sunday morning, March 20, at the regular hour. The theme is a suggestive one, "The First Easter," and the music fully carries out the thought from the first number, which is part unison in minor, to the last number, "He is Risen," with loud tumultuous praise of the victory of our Saviour. All the way through the music is in perfect keeping with the Easter Spirit. A choir of 16 voices will sing it, assisted by a piano.

MASS MEETING TODAY.

A large delegation from Paw Paw will attend the local option mass meeting at Hartford today. It is anticipated that this will be the largest temperance meeting ever held in Van Buren county. A full account of the meeting will be given in next week's issue of The True Northerner.

FITTED UP FOR OFFICE ROOM.

The second floor of the E. Smith & Co. store building, corner of Main and Kalamazoo streets, is being fitted up for an office room. A large plate glass window will be put in on the east.

ENJOYED A SOCIAL EVENING

At Home of Attorney B. F. Chase. Strictly Stag Affair and a Surprise.

On Thursday evening of last week a group of men gave B. F. Chase a surprise. The surprise was strictly a stag affair, skillfully planned by Mrs. Chase and a niece of Mr. Chase of New York. The occasion was a 6 o'clock dinner and social evening. Four courses were served and a smoker followed. The table was tastefully set, each finding his plate by a place card. Sentiments in form of puns were found under each plate and were read, each fitting his right hand neighbor like a duck's foot in the mud.

After dinner, songs were sung, stories were told, stunts were done, good-hyces said and a pleasant evening was enjoyed. The crowd broke up feeling good.

LADY MINSTRELS A GREAT SUCCESS

Opera House Crowded to Hear Lady "Black Face" Artists. Every Participant a Star.

The Eastern Star minstrel entertainment was a decided success. On Wednesday evening the opera house was crowded to its capacity and many were turned away as every available seat was occupied. On account of the number that were unable to gain admittance on Wednesday evening the show was repeated on Thursday evening to a well filled house.

Every participant on the program is worthy of special mention and it would be hard to determine who is entitled to the most praise. Every one proved to be a star and was given a splendid reception by the large and enthusiastic audience. Each number was given a hearty and cordial encore.

The only out of town talent to assist, with the exception of the director, was Mrs. James H. Johnson of South Haven, who delighted the audience with a charming solo. She was forced to respond to an encore.

The entertainment was under the personal direction of Harry E. Walker, known as the "Georgia Souffleur," and he is an artist in his line of work.

Time and space will not permit an adequate description of the entertainment, suffice it to say that it was the peer, if not the superior of any amateur performance ever given in Paw Paw. Much credit is due the director and everyone who worked so hard to make the affair the success that it was.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker have made many friends during their stay here and should they ever decide to return to Paw Paw the latch string will be out.

DEATH OF AMANDA SALISBURY.

Amanda Jane Salisbury died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Summy, on Friday of last week of pneumonia. She was born in New York state and was 78 years of age at the time of her death. She leaves, besides a large circle of friends, a large family of grown up sons and daughters to mourn her death.

The funeral was held from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Summy, on Monday, Rev. C. L. Owen officiating. Burial was at Lawton.

CONVERTED BY OWN ORATORY.

F. S. Dowd of Los Indios, who represents the Esperanza tract in this part of the island, has purchased a section of land in that tract and contemplates the setting out of a 100-acre grove next year. Mr. Dowd states that in endeavoring to sell this tract to others he became a convert to his own arguments, that it was one of the best located tracts on the whole island and purchased it himself. The Isle of Pine News, Feb. 19.

PROMOTE GOOD FELLOWSHIP.

A social time was enjoyed by the members of the ladies' aid society of the M. E. church and their friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Adriance last Friday evening. These gatherings are held once each month at the homes for the purpose of promoting good fellowship, and they certainly fulfill their mission as good times are always reported.

FINE RECEPTION AT LAWRENCE

Several of the Council Masons went to Lawrence last Thursday evening to attend a meeting of the council at that place. It was early the next morning before they reached home, but they are loud in their praise of the royal reception tendered them by their Lawrence companions.

MR. DIXON WITH GLEE CLUB.

Mr. Dixon, with the Chicago Glee club is an impersonator of merit. Hear him at the opera house next Monday evening.

HAD A RELAPSE.

H. F. Ford of the hotel Clifton, who was considerably better last week and able to be down stairs, had a relapse on Saturday, but he is again gaining ground slowly.

LIGHTEST CALENDAR IN YEARS

Court Will Convene Monday, March 21, With but 61 Cases.

TWENTY-SEVEN FOR DIVORCE

Wife the Aggrieved Party in 19 of this Number. Criminal Calendar Contains but Three Cases.

The circuit court for the county of Van Buren will convene on Monday, March 21, with one of the lightest calendars that has been before the court in several years.

The calendar will contain 61 cases made up as follows: Criminal 3; issues of fact, jury, 16; issues of fact, non-jury, 2; chancery, first class, 16; chancery, 4th class, 24. The criminal cases are as follows: People vs. Forry L. Brott, charged with abandonment; Harry Larson charged with sodomy; Wakely Eikenburg charged with violation of the local option law.

Of the chancery calendar, 27 are divorce cases. Fifteen of them will be contested, at least the appearance of defendant by attorneys have been entered, and the other 12 will not be contested. In 19 of the divorce cases the bill of complaint was filed by the wife and in the other 8 by the husband.

As is the custom the bulk of the term will be taken up with the arrangement of the calendar, the disposition of the various motions and other preliminary work. The jury will come on Monday of the second week.

It is probable that nearly all of the cases will be disposed of at this term as the calendar is so extremely light.

BIG TEACHERS' MEETING HERE

Van Buren Co. Teachers' Association to be Held Here Next Week Friday and Saturday.

There will be a great gathering of the teachers of Van Buren county in Paw Paw on Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19. The occasion being the annual meeting of the Van Buren County Teachers' association. Prof. F. A. Barbour, who is at the head of the English department in the Michigan State Normal college, will be present at all the sessions and will give an address on "Self Culture" on Friday evening. Following is the program for the two days: FRIDAY EVENING, 7:30 P. M., M. E. CHURCH Fellowship male quartette.

Messrs. Spicer, Mosier, Mosier and Warner
Invocation - Rev. G. G. Stansell
Vocal solo - Miss Wood
Address—Self culture, Prof. F. A. Barbour
SATURDAY, 9:30 A. M. HIGH SCHOOL ROOM Music
Penmanship - Supt. Frank Pierce
Discussion - Supt. A. L. Hyames
The township unit system Ray Winters
Libraries - Supt. E. V. Root
Discussion - R. D. Bailey
C. J. Browa

INTERMISSION
Music
Address - Prof. F. A. Barbour
Language in the grades, Supt. W. V. Sage
High school English

Business meeting
soon, 1:30 P. M.
Music - Primary Grades
Agriculture, In high school, C. L. Nash
In rural - J. J. Burger

Geography - Miss Grace Norton
Discussion - Supt. A. D. Frantice
Address - Prof. F. A. Barbour

DEATH OF FORMER TEACHER.

Mrs. Olivia J. C. Woodman was called to Ithaca the first of the week on account of the death of a niece, Mrs. Olivia Morse. Mrs. Morse was formerly Miss Olivia McLaren and a teacher in the Paw Paw schools some years ago. She had many friends in Paw Paw who are grieved to learn of her sudden death.

G. A. R. SOCIAL.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. will have their next regular social at Mr. William Sage's Saturday evening, March 12. Everybody invited.

LION GETTING IN WORK.

It began to look last week as though the lamb might hold sway through the month of March. The lion, however, is getting in his work, and we have been having a taste of real winter weather again.

BUSY IN VINEYARDS.

Grape growers are busy in the vineyards. The trimming is nearly all done, and some have commenced to tie the vines.